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Date: Mon, 10 Apr 1995 06:02:29 -0500
Message-Id: <797511682.7392662@AppleLink.Apple.COM>
From: FRANCIS4@AppleLink.Apple.COM (Francis, Dexter)
Subject: "Hallicrafters grey" enamel FS

Greetings -

Having decided to re-paint the scratched up (and in spots, rusty) housing on my Hallicrafters SX-110, I have enrolled my local paint emporium in doing a computer color match. They willingly agreed, but won't sell me less than a full gallon, so...

If anyone is interested in a pint of commercial grade enamel, computer matched to the Hallicrafters grey housing color, drop me a line and we'll haggle.

tnx

-df

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Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950410080803.29299B-100000@ncrsun1>
From: Kevin Anderson <anderson@ncrsun1.ncr.usace.army.mil>
Subject: Re: BEWARE OF MARKET TIMING

On Sat, 8 Apr 1995, David L. Stinson AB5S/7 wrote:

> The Collins market price drives the rest of the BA
> market. Collins gear is selling today because
> people who wanted it when they were 19 finally
> have some disposable income.

I'm still waiting for my disposable income. I practically cry every time I see Don Merz's For Sale list. It is still a labor of love to wait, I guess.... Kevin

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Message-Id: <9504101356.AA05859@uvsl.orl.mmc.com>
From: padgett@tccslr.dnet.mmc.com (A. Padgett Peterson, P.E. Information Security)
Subject: RE: Chevy "Wonderbar" radio

rich rites:

>I've got a delema. The VoEd autobody instructor where I teach has a 58
>vette (I know, life sucks) that has a "Wonderbar" radio that does not
>work. I need to find a schematic and any other info I can on what makes
>this thing tick.

Always thought the '58 had too much gingerbread myself but probably have the schematic (at least I know I have one for the '61 and suspect little difference). Send a USnail address.

Warmly,
Padgett

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Message-Id: <Pine.ULT.3.91.950410140844.9333C-100000@dua150.kpt.emn.com>
From: "Barry L. Ornitz" <ornitz@EMNGW1.emn.com>
Subject: Circuit Boards (was Re: Antenna Switches)

On Sun, 9 Apr 1995, Roberta J. Barmore wrote:

> (I do realize that whole etching thing isn't too
> boatanchorish--tubes and copperclad were *not* made for each other! The
> traditionalist is welcome to glue copper foil to Bakelite; it will work
> just as well! And there are point-to-point solutions to keeping the
> impedance reasonably constant, of course).

Actually the first printed circuits date back to the late 1930's becoming popular in the mid-1940's. The first printed circuit boards used phenolic resins, i.e. Bakelite. Even today, there is a fairly large market for the XXXP and CEM type materials which are phenolic-based, especially in the far east. The XXXP material is a paper reinforced phenolic and the CEM material is a higher-tech hybrid with a paper reinforced phenolic core and fiberglass epoxy outer layers.

I see nothing wrong with mixing printed circuits and vacuum tubes. In fact the current FR-4 epoxy-fiberglass board material is quite heat resistant and it works well with receiving tube sockets. Remember that printed circuit boards were developed to eliminate many of the wiring errors in point-to-point wiring.

Finding sockets is becoming so difficult for many older tubes, that I have occasionally made my own custom sockets using connector pins removed from M/S connectors, etc. inserted in circuit board material. Add some Teflon

heat-shrink (where necessary), high temperature epoxy, or RTV-60 high temperature silicone and you have a custom socket. Round machined-pins for integrated circuit sockets also work well as tube socket pins. I located a copy of the full JEDEC standard for tube pin dimensions so if I need an exotic socket, I just enter the dimensions into the printed circuit CAD program to locate all the holes in the right spots. There are all sorts of eyelets, turret terminals, etc. that are available for modern circuit boards that can be adapted to old-fashioned boatanchor use!

73, Barry L. Ornitz WA4VZQ ornitz@emn.com

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Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9504101602.A1517-0100000@indy2>
From: "Roberta J. Barmore" <rbarmore@indynet.indy.net>
Subject: Re: Circuit Boards (was Re: Antenna Switches)

Hi!

Barry Ornitz writes (splendidly!) of the history of PC boards, going on to find perfectly good uses for the stuff with tubes, and he's right. (Though it's a surprise to me to hear machined-pin IC sockets will fit miniature tubes!)

When I wrote, I was thinking of the dreadful cheap-phenolic boards used in a lot of late tube-era consumer and pro gear--the way the 6AQ5 monitor-amp tubes in some Gates consoles would unsolder the sockets and cook the PC board in particular--rather than the very nice conrad-johnson tube preamp, on thick glass-epoxy with the heavy foil traces and good attention to thermal and I^2R effects, that crossed my bench a long time back. It can be done, and done well; in the heyday of tubes, it usually was not.

Being a rather opinionated, stubborn Hoosier housewife, I tend to remember the bad 'uns and forget the successes! >blush<

73,
--Bobbi

From boatanchors@theporch.com Mon Apr 10 11:38:39 1995
Date: Mon, 10 Apr 1995 06:17:01 -0500
Message-Id: <797512516.3079534@AppleLink.Apple.COM>
From: FRANCIS4@AppleLink.Apple.COM (Francis, Dexter)
Subject: Collectables and BA's

Hmmmm....

I've owned a Drake R4-B/TX4-B/MN-4/SP-4 set, MSR-FM/P, Yaesu FRG-7, FT101E,

736R, FRG-8800, and 757GX, Hallicrafters WR-3000 and SX-110. I've also owned an Austin Mini Estate (Woody Wagon) tricked up with full Cooper S gear, a '67 Ford Cortina GT Mk2 and a '74 Jaguar XJ6. I loved them all while I owned them. I didn't make any money on them when I sold them. I also passed up a chance to buy a '67 XKE for \$3500 (too poor at the time) and watched while a friend of mine "restored" it and sold it for \$18,000.

I know there are folks out there who would love to sell me an R-390A for \$600 to \$1200 and have seen folks pay \$200 more for a L-4 that I'd ever dream of. Somewhere along the way I realized that I just want a few things that I think are "nice", bought at a price that seems reasonable to me. So, I read the Yellow sheet and browse rec.radio.swap and keep my eyes open at the fleafests. It takes two to make a deal and patience pays off, eventually. I've bought radios that were dogs from guys who swore they were in great condition and resold them at a 40% loss because I was honest about their real condition.

A Drake R-4B sold for about \$260 new, and is going for about half that now, but when you rack in inflation/dollar depreciation, I'm not so sure it hasn't held its value pretty well over the years. Certainly a whole lot better than the Macintosh Plus which sold for \$2500 in 1986 and is worth about \$100 today.

If it's only about the money, we're deluding ourselves. I love the magic of tubes and the fact that with them I can hear someone from halfway around the world. Dials and glass vials that glow in the dark are exciting, even if they hum bit and aren't energy efficient.

Let the ignorant and impatient blow their money on over priced stuff sold by folks looking to take advantage of them. A fool and his money are soon parted. Sooner or later sanity prevails.

-df NOYLJ (41 and still spellbound by electron transport thru a vacuum.)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Mon Apr 10 12:20:47 1995
Date: Mon, 10 Apr 1995 09:04:19 -0500
Message-Id: <9504100703.AA10712@thrall.pgtv.varian.com>
From: "Paul Thekan" <pt@pgtv.varian.com>
Subject: Command set stuff

Would the gentleman looking for the command set items , I believe it was posted last week , contact me. I might have one of the items he is looking for.

Thankyou Paul N6FEG
Paul Thekan N6FEG
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Date: Mon, 10 Apr 1995 14:20:27 -0500
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950410121645.25169A-100000@crl5.crl.com>
From: Steven Wilson <randyw@crl.com>
Subject: Re: Command set stuff

Hi Paul, I'm not the gentleman, but I am looking for the LF command receiver the one that covers 190 - 550 khz. de stan ak0b e-mail via randyw@crl.com thanks

On Mon, 10 Apr 1995, Paul Thekan wrote:

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> looking for.
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Date: Mon, 10 Apr 1995 10:49:54 -0500
Message-Id: <9504101550.AA03073@sumter.awod.com>
From: wb4ijn@awod.com (Steve Thomason)
Subject: Comments re: Dayton

Hal, K4GFI/7 asked for comments about Dayton. For the most part, I concur with his negative observations. Last year I didn't even get to see what folks had brought because of the terrible weather. But I've been to some Dayton's when the weather was great - you just never know.

Regarding boatanchor gear: some years are great, some are terrible. I found my HT33B amp there one year. It looked great, and was supposed to work FB - I guess the fellow lied about something else too since the amp had a dead short on the AC cord to the fan; didn't take much to fix and is a great amp now. Mostly, the vintage stuff seems to get bought up by the time I get around to looking for it.

So far, I plan to go this year and will be in space 2553; providing the weather cooperates. If it looks bad, forget it. I'll probably even take a couple of boatanchors I'm not using anymore unless they sell over the Internet first.

Personally, I think Dayton has become too commercialized, the equipment over-priced, and the boneyard too full of non-ham related items, but if the weather is good, its still worth the trip just for the visual experience of seeing all those nuts in one place!
73, Steve, WB4IJN

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Date: Mon, 10 Apr 1995 10:37:09 -0500
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From: "rohre" <rohre@arlut.utexas.edu>
Subject: Dayton will have Eastern keys

George Dobbs of the G-QRP Club will have at his Dayton Booth, a collection of eastern European and Russian Morse code keys, and even a Russian Electronic Keyer for the interest of the key collectors out there. The way he put his post, I think they are for sale or trade, or at least some. He said he got them in trade.

73, Stuart K5Kvh (wish I was going).

From boatanchors@theporch.com Mon Apr 10 18:00:16 1995
Date: Mon, 10 Apr 1995 14:42:59 -0500
Message-Id: <9504101940.AA08651@kali>
From: Andy Wallace <wallace@mc.com>
Subject: Drake vs. Collins

OTOH, a nice S-Line even at today's wierdo prices is still a good piece cheaper then any of the nationally advertised rice rockets. And again OTOH, a very nice Drake 4 line is a good piece cheaper then an S-Line and will give at least equal performance...

Richard Loken VE6BSV, Systems Programmer - VMS

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..not to mention the Drakes will give you more than that puny 200 kc dial travel!

(Running and ducking)

--Andy

P.S. xistorised FLASH -- the R-8A is coming! Now, for a TR-8!

From boatanchors@theporch.com Mon Apr 10 20:26:52 1995

Date: Mon, 10 Apr 1995 17:11:13 -0500
Message-Id: <950410.144035.PDT.ISSRZL@uccvma.ucop.edu>
From: Richard Links <ISSRZL@UCCVMA.UCOP.EDU>
Subject: Re: Dynaco ST-70 Post

Regarding Tom Adams' post relating to the Dynaco ST-70 amplifier and his offer of 7199 tubes at a price of \$45 each: some comments.....

This original posting DOES belong in one of the Rec.Audio BBSs. In addition to this, it should be obvious why folks convert amplifiers like this to other tubes -- the cost of 7199 tube replacement (need 2 each) is somewhat more costly than converting the amp to a 6AN8, one of many tubes utilized in popular modifications to the original circuit. Try posting this to Rec.Audio-High-End, where your offer would probably start a lively discussion on its own. I believe you can post e-mail to them at: info-high-audio@Tolstoy.lerc.nasa.gov

There may be some information in a FAQ or archived information on various conversion schemes for the ST-70 in Rec.Audio-High-End.

One more comment: According to my most of my audio engineering buddies, the 7199 tube is a notoriously flawed design. It is rare to find an OEM one in the box which operates reliably for a great length of time--that is, without developing shorts and such. Although I have a small stash of them around in case a ST-70 shows up in a garage sale, I tend to believe that the folks at Antique Radio Supply Co. offer a replacement 7199 for less than the \$45 which Mr. Adams offers, but let the reader make his/her own determination. I'd love to get \$45 for each and every 7199 I have around my place, but would be incredibly upset if those tubes went south after twenty or thirty hours of use.

At these rates, it probably pays to salvage the tubes and save the trannies. Give the heave-ho to the rest. Who says that glass is not worth more than gold? :-)

Happy foraging!

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Date: Mon, 10 Apr 1995 13:21:39 -0500
Message-Id: <199504101819.0AA29928@altair.cs.unc.edu>
From: Nick England <nick@cs.unc.edu>
Subject: Hamfest report - Raleigh NC

Raleigh NC hamfest is a medium sized event held indoors at the state fairgrounds - nice sized space, drive in-out for loading/unloading. 2/3 swapmeet tables (300? 8' tables) and 1/3 vendor area.

Pretty good meet, I think. The usual gang of 4-5 guys who always have vintage stuff to sell/trade were there along with the contents of enough basements and garages to be interesting.

Here are some things I saw - maybe others can add to the list.

Ranger, very nice, one owner - \$200

Ranger, very clean - \$200

Challenger kit, parts mounted but not wired - \$25

(I got it and I'm still grinning in anticipation of finishing it)

Navigator, very nice - dealer asked \$270 sold for \$200

SX-76 (or is it S-76?) one in good shape \$100, one with some holes \$45

S-38 (several models) \$35-45

S-40B - \$60 unsold

SX-110 (or 111?, anyway the ham bands version) very clean \$125 unsold

SX-28A w/spkr - very dirty but otherwise OK - \$75 unsold

SX-28 fair - \$100 unsold

NC-270 very clean, \$150 no sale

NC-303 very clean w/spkr - sat around for hours at \$140 but finally sold

(I don't know why it didn't go earlier)

"National Radio Construction Kit" - chassis w some parts, unwired

looks like a NC-33 kit - \$2

HR0-5 w/spkr & doghouse p/s - very dirty but otherwise OK - \$75 unsold

HQ-150 OK - \$100 unsold

HQ-110A-VHF (includes 2m) \$150 unsold

HQ-170 w/S-100 (small) spkr - \$175 unsold

HX-50 - \$60 I think

75A-4 one filter - \$525

75A-4 high s/n three filters - \$825

several KWM-2

no S-line

32V-1 a little dirty but in good shape - \$100

I wasn't looking for one and I don't need another 100 lb xmtr,

but I couldn't pass it up

R-390A \$150 no cabinet

no older Heathkit (Apache, DX-40, DX-100, etc)

several SB-101, 102 - \$125-150

several SB-301/401 combos - \$150-200

several monobanders - \$35-85

unbuilt remote co-ax switch - \$40 (now sitting on my bench)

Gonset Communicator III - like new, CD yellow, with carrying case \$50

Gonset G-66 rcvr

RME-99 fair shape \$60

Knight T-150A

TR4C - ?

TR7 - \$550

I hope other boatanchorites will chime in - particularly NA4G to report on the military scene (fair number of command sets and 2 BC-348's). I thought it was a pretty good meet - fair amount of interesting equipment, good selection of older mags (I got vol 1, no 1 of 73 finally) & parts (mod xfmrs, tuning caps, coil stock), etc. Oh yeah, there was a bunch of computer stuff and solid state gear too.

regards & have fun,

Nick KD4CPL

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Message-Id: <199504101959.PAA00334@altair.cs.unc.edu>

From: Nick England <nick@cs.unc.edu>

Subject: hamfests, dealers, prices

Do any of those guys buying gear and re-selling just for money look like they are happy ? Do they look like they are having fun ? Hell no !! Their punishment is that they have to spend their lives skulking about and scowling over every deal.

Have fun and enjoy the chance you finally have to own, restore, repair, and operate gear you drooled over in early years. Or if you are a newcomer, appreciate, enjoy, and marvel over engineering and craftsmanship that you can't find today for 10 times what you'll pay for a 75A-4.

There are plenty of rigs showing up all the time at hamfests at reasonable prices - but there are plenty of people looking for 'em too. get there early and have a buddy with HT to help cover the new arrivals. Go to smaller hamfests with informal tailgating - that's where stuff at good prices is to be found.

Lighten up, buy what you can afford and enjoy it! Have fun !!

For a printed copy of this editorial send a 40uf/450v electrolytic to Box 88, Moscow.

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Message-ID: <9504100950.ZM4935@mechcad3.engr.sgi.com>
From: "Mark Glusker" <glusk@mechcad3.engr.sgi.com>
Subject: Re: KEY CRAZIES

Paul writes:

> Foothill is a stinking example. These
> people run around the parking lot when the first sellers get there and
> snatch up all the bargains, then you see the same stuff at double the
> price one hour later and 2 aisles away.

Not even two aisles, and not just double. I sold an HP oscillator at Foothill early Saturday for \$40. It showed up in the space directly opposite mine about an hour later. I sent a friend over to ask the price - \$150! About an hour after that it had a sign on it "Today Only: \$100". All's fair, I guess - I was pleased to get \$40 for it. Apparently, no one thought it was worth twice that, since it was still there when I left at noon.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Mon Apr 10 15:32:06 1995
Date: Mon, 10 Apr 1995 12:18:54 -0500
Message-ID: <9504101718.AA03989@gvlf4-a>
From: edd@vfl.paramax.com
Subject: Looking for a TCS-12

I'm looking for a (preferably black) TCS-12 Xmtr, or (Xmtr and Rcvr). My xmtr seems to have disappeared, along with some other stuff, in the a move a few years back. (All this time I thought I knew where it was). I still have the receiver.

If you have one you are willing to part with, please send price and condition to me (and I'll decide if I want to replace my missing xmtr).

Thanks,

Ed Doc
K3LPE

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Message-ID: <199504101819.0AA29926@altair.cs.unc.edu>
From: Nick England <nick@cs.unc.edu>
Subject: National rcvr kit ??

Anyone know about a "National Radio Construction Kit" ??
I got one at the hamfest yesterday (tuning coils, caps, tube sockets mounted,
but unwired). Has National tag with logo reading
"National Radio Construction Kit" on chassis. also Property of US Navy
stamped into chassis. No cabinet, but the tube layout, controls, etc.
make me pretty sure this is an NC-33. But I never heard of this Kit before.
Nick KD4CPL

From boatanchors@theporch.com Mon Apr 10 12:07:55 1995
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Message-Id: <9504101332.AA05675@uvs1.orl.mmc.com>
From: padgett@tccslr.dnet.mmc.com (A. Padgett Peterson, P.E. Information Security)
Subject: Re: Negative Comments on Dayton

Suspect part of it that people are naturally secretive & always hope to
find that \$500 Porsche or \$50 Collins (both with zero miles). As a
result most are afraid to announce that they are looking
for something lest the price go up. I just let it be known what I want and
have never had any difficulty finding it though it might take a year or so.
(and only rarely is it at a meet).

The collection of people with handhelds is not a bad idea for a start and
is just a smaller edition of what I was talking about but learned a long
time ago that treating a swapmeet as a competition is a waste of time.

Look on it as a vacation/relaxation and you'll live a lot longer and you
will probably bring home more than you need anyway.

Warmly,
Padgett

ps would appreciate any sightings of R-520, R-520A, or R520B T/0s.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Mon Apr 10 12:59:44 1995
Date: Mon, 10 Apr 1995 10:03:14 -0500
Message-Id: <9504101505.AA13886@wrdis01.robins.af.mil>
From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil (Larry Keith)
Subject: Re: Negative Comments on Dayton

In your message of 10 Apr 1995 at 1015 EDT, you write:
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> Look on it as a vacation/relaxation and you'll live a lot longer and you
> will probably bring home more than you need anyway.
>
Amen! I learned a long time ago that I couldn't find *every* bargain

in the bone yards without getting an ulcer.

>From my 20-odd years of doing Dayton and other hamfests, I conclude that Dayton is no better and no worse than the others in terms of prices.. Sure, you have people who think they can get better prices because it is Dayton -- The Biggie! But, then we have the buyers who think that the prices will be lower because it is Dayton -- The Biggie!

Only three things can happen to an "overpriced" boatanchor..

1. Some fool will buy it.
2. Some buyer will negotiate the price down.
3. The seller will lug it back home.

I just try to see that I am not number 1! Sometimes I am the buyer in number 2. And, I have been known to be the seller in number 3! 8-)

But, I have learned to keep my hands away from my wallet and bide my time. Sooner or later, the item will show up, at a price that I consider reasonable. It's just a matter of time. We have seen some of the various techniques described on this list.. Go early, stay late, use the team approach... But, the only real secret is to know the market and go to a lot of hamfests! And, as my hamfest mentor says: "You always pay for your education. The trick is not to pay too much!"

The best question to ask yourself before you reach for the money is: "Can I sell this thing for the price that I am about to pay?" If the answer is "No" or "I don't know", then I suggest that you keep walking.

So, come on to Dayton and let's have some fun! Maybe we will bring home some new toys and maybe we will go home with just a bag full of literature. But, it will be a blast!!

73,

Larry, KQ4BY

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Message-Id: <199504102010.PAA04991@uro.theporch.com>
From: "Jack Taylor, N700" <jtaylor@usacec-osigw.army.mil>
Subject: Oil based paint vs. latex

Was browsing the paint section at K-Mart this past week and noticed what appears to be a new product from Krylon. This was qt cans of latex paint for metal. They had a gloss black as well as a metal primer. These were priced a little less than comparable qt cans of oil based paint.

In general, the advantage of latex over oil based is less odor, a slightly faster drying time, less hazardous storage and a LOT easier clean up. As a result, it seems to me latex would be preferred for BA restoration projects.

What says the group?

73 de Jack

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Message-Id: <m0ryNaq-0018MCC@aupair.cs.athabascau.ca>

From: tech@cs.athabascau.ca (Richard Loken)

Subject: Re. THE COLLECTABLES TRAP

>Seriously, you and Dave are 100% on target on the futility of investing >in collectibles. Like I tell the kids in my son's scout troop, there's >only one way to get rich, guaranteed. Beginning when you're 13 years >old, put 10% of every dollar you get your hands on in savings and invest >it. By the time you're an Old F___ like me, you'll be rich . . . Guaranteed!

Unless of course you invest you cash in something that relies too heavily on derivatives just when Nicholas Leeson is purchasing or when the treasurer for Orange County is trying to get a quick buck.

Unless you happened to put it all into certain Savings and Loans companies or certain Canadian Trust Companies.

Fraid nothing is for sure, but I agree that a little saving and investment will do lot more to minimize poverty in your later years then saving collectables.

OTOH, a nice S-Line even at today's wierdo prices is still a good piece cheaper then any of the nationally advertised rice rockets. And again OTOH, a very nice Drake 4 line is a good piece cheaper then an S-Line and will give at least equal performance...

Buy it because you like it, have a place for it, and can afford it. Don't deprive the kids of milk and don't take out a bank loan to get it.

Richard Loken VE6BSV, Systems Programmer - VMS : "...underneath those
Athabasca University : tuques we wear, our heads
Athabasca, Alberta Canada : are naked!"
** tech@cs.athabascau.ca ** : - Aurthor Black

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Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9504101343.C18040-0100000@mm1001.theporch.com>
From: Kevin J Pease <kevin@mm1001.theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Re. THE COLLECTABLES TRAP

Kevin J Pease
WB0JZG Mt Juliet, TN.
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Padgett if you factor in inflation the prices are now well above original
aon some of the boatanchors.

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Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9504101355.B18040-0100000@mm1001.theporch.com>
From: Kevin J Pease <kevin@mm1001.theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Re. THE COLLECTABLES TRAP

Kevin J Pease
WB0JZG Mt Juliet, TN.
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On Sat, 8 Apr 1995 TOM.A.ADAMS@mail.admin.wisc.edu wrote:

> Hey You! The guy who just dropped five grand on a KW-1! Are you listening?

Hey thats not bad I heard of a guy who payed \$10,000 for a KW-1. a few
years ago you could't give away a KW-1. I personally wouldn't want one. I
have some collins gear and like it alot but I don't have colectors money
in them. I for one refuse to pay those stupid prices for equipment that
in a few years when the fad wears of will be worth nothing. We all no
what is going to happen to tubes as the overseas manufacturers abandon
that market. Thank GOD tubes seem to have a verry long lifetime.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Mon Apr 10 14:32:35 1995
Date: Mon, 10 Apr 1995 11:02:36 -0500
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Subject: Roll call O.K. ?

Would it be presumptuous of me to ask for a group roll call? I came over from VSS (which has been like a graveyard lately) about a week ago after getting an SX-110. Y'all seem like a real lively bunch. I already envy some of you your experience. Being a mere babe of 41, I was born on the crest of the first wave of the solid state revolution. Now I find that old "firebottles" are of much greater interest to me than tiny little epoxy and metal encapsulated bits of purified sand. I even hope that I can learn enough to preserve a few classic BA's someday myself.

So, who's out there? How'd you come to be here? Any pilots?

Just curious.

-df

From boatanchors@theporch.com Mon Apr 10 21:51:24 1995

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From: Scgilstrap@aol.com

Subject: Re: Roll call O.K. ?

On 10 APR 95, FRANCIS4@applelink.apple.com said:

>Would it be presumptuous of me to ask for a group roll call?

Speaking just for myself I wouldn't think so. I like the idea. It sometimes seems like there's only a couple o' dozen members. I'd like to hear from the silent majority, at least occasionally.

>experience. Being a mere babe of 41, I was born on the crest of the first wave

Spoken like a true baby-boomer. You should go far with this group.

>So, who's out there? How'd you come to be here?

At one time some of the group were posting their auto-biographies with respect to your second question above. I really enjoyed reading those and would like to see more. Maybe your interest will coax some more bio's out of the group.

>Any pilots?

Gotta be a few. I'm one and if I didn't live so close to the airport I might

have that 6L6 transmitter project finished by now. But aviation and BA's go good together. My penchant for airborne BA's has been bolstered a great deal since joining this group. (Just ask Don Merz.) And today I picked up a great VHF BA rcvr that was originally made for the C.A.A. Got it from Joe Watson, another BA member of course. I'll tell you what, if it wasn't for this great group I'd probably just be spending my money frivolously. :-)

73 de Stan - WB5LBH

--- open invitation to pilots of the BA persuasion:
Fly in for an eyeball QSO sometime. Just look on the Kansas City
Sectional about an inch east of Tulsa. Gilstrap Field Airport, ya can't miss
it.
(Buzz the field once to make sure there aren't any horses on the runway
and to let me know to put the coffee on.)

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Subject: Seeking Hallicrafters Emblem

Greeting all -

I'm looking for what I believe was a round Hallicrafters emblem that was mounted in the upper left hand quadrant of the external speaker for an SX-110. From the remaining glue marks on the speaker grill it appears to have been about an inch in diameter. Any leads, greatfully accepted.

-df

From boatanchors@theporch.com Mon Apr 10 10:00:06 1995
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Subject: Re: THE COLLECTABLES TRAP

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Just last weekend at the swap meet I saw a 75-A-4 going for \$550; I don't know Collins prices very well but IMHO, I think that's about \$200 - 250 over what the price should be.

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Joe,

You need to take a look at the prices Collins gear is fetching these days! I don't like the movement either, but it is happening. Take a look at Larry's Bone Yard List. 75A-4s there have gone for over \$ 900 each - and I don't think that these were near-mint units either! There is a real demand now for A-4s (how long it will last is anyone's guess). I know that I will never make a dime on my BAs but then that's not why I have them.

On the other side of the Collins coin, a good S-line is quite reasonable considering what you get - especially in light of the cost of 'modern' gear for HF.

With the continuing decline of the dollar, all these prices may begin to look more reasonable as time passes as we look at new equipment prices.

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From: Kevin J Pease <kevin@mm1001.theporch.com>
Subject: Re: THE COLLECTABLES TRAP

There are people who actually pay \$550 for a 75-A-4. I have seen them advertised for \$750-\$800. What I find interesting is that in looking through the want-ads in some 1964 QST's I saw the same 75-A-4's going for \$300-\$800 depending on condition and options. If you factor in inflation it is obvious that prices today are high when you consider the age, availability of parts and poorer condition of the radios today.

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Subject: RE: Treatise on Key (Hamfest) Profiteering

Contributing Author note:

>1st Degree Profiteering- This ranks as a felony in terms of severity of the

>crime relative to 2nd and 3rd degree offenses. First, the
>prices are increased to ridiculous levels, typically 4 or 5 times what he
>paid. For example, the profiteer finds a very common J-38 for \$5. An hour
>later this key is on his table for sale for \$50.

Once you watch this for a long time you will see that this is really a multi-stage scam called "acclimating".

- 1) Buy key for \$5
- 2) Put on table with \$50 price
- 3) If some fool buys fine but sale is not expected (you will note that the artist is rarely there during this period).
- 4) When crowd has just peaked and everyone has been by his table at least once, the \$50 price is crossed out and \$35 scrawled (\$50 is still visible).
- 5) He then stays by booth and haggles easily to \$30. 500% profit.

Refinement: If more than one of the same key is had, only put one on the table at a time. As each is sold, bring the next out.

Politicians do the same thing - ever hear of a proposed law that is so horrible that everyone agitates to get it toned down so that a 80% tax increase becomes only 30% and everyone is relieved. What do you think they really wanted in the first place ?

Warmly,
Padgett

ps Extra Credit: now that you know what to look for, count the number of instances seen at Dayton. Keys: 1) Price high early & no one (or "person without authority to haggle") there. Double points for a little clock with "Back At ...". 2) Price drops when crowd just at peak or little past (keep in mind that the clueless wannabes as a rule do not come early)

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From: Brien Pepperdine <pepperb@govonca2.gov.on.ca>
Subject: Viking II owners, pls read

After picking up a 'parter' I, upon getting it home it started to look a lot better than something for part but one thing so far has caught my eye and raised a question - specifically, the large oil filled capacitor C9 , 8 mf I think @ 1000 VDC. Is yours leaking any oil at all? The one I acquired yesterday I went to see thinking it was more for parts for my other Viking IIs, but it is in pretty good shape actually. Some of the caps look old of course, and I will use a Variac and see how well it all comes up. But..... I did see some oil on the

capacitor C9, and wiped it off, and now will wait for a couple days to see if any more is apparently coming out. Given the amount of time this transmitter would appear to have sat unused, I would have thought that any oil left in it would be gone by now, all leaked out or something. It seems there is oil left in it (tap, tap, not too hollow). Maybe by definition they do have a little oil on them?

Looking at my schematic I see nothing that defines it specifically as an oil transformer (these are not PCB oils by any chance are they, urp!!), so if it did leak a bit, (I only touched a bit of the oil, BTW), could the capacitor be replaced by a gang of capacitors (series, parallel) to equal the voltage, capacitance rating?

I must admit I have not opened the other Viking II to see its C9, and my other one I have not picked up yet. Best ones stays, worst one is for stand-by or borrowed parts/repair comparison, middle one is for loan-out to a friend to run AM and to get back in worst case scenario (NOT for bagging, and investing and hoarding or sending to the East to retire on the profits!)

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